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Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$10,000,000
Sterling Reserve.....\$10,000,000
Silver Reserve.....\$10,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
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HONGKONG—J. R. M. SMITH.
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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CORPORATION, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1906. [21]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$1000 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 per cent. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1906. [22]

DEUTSCH ASIATISCHE BANK.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: BERLIN.

BRANCHES:
Berlin, Calcutta, Hankow, Peking, Tientsin, Tsingtau, Yokohama.

FOUNDED BY THE FOLLOWING BANKS AND BANKERS:
Koenigliche Seehandlung (Preussische Staatsbank),
Direction der Disconto-Gesellschaft,
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S. Bleichroeder,
Berliner Handels-Gesellschaft,
Bank fuer Handel und Industrie,
Robert Warshawsky & Co.,
Mendelssohn & Co.,
M. A. von Rothschild & Soehne, Frankfurt a/M.,
Norddeutsche Bank in Hamburg, Hamburg,
Sal. Oppenheim jr. & Co., Koeln,
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Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons,
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LIMITED,
DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCY,
DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

HUGO SUTER, Sub-Manager.
Hongkong, 9th September, 1905. [24]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....Yen 24,000,000

CAPITAL PAID-UP....." 18,000,000

CAPITAL UNCALLED....." 6,000,000

RESERVE FUND....." 9,940,000

Head Office—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies:
TOKIO, HONOLULU, SHANGHAI,
YOKOHAMA, KANAGAWA, NEWCHANG,
YAN FRANCISCO, MUKDEN,
HONGKONG, PORT ARTHUR,
TIENTSIN, CHEFOO,
PEKING, DALNY,
KOBE, TIE-LING,
LONDON, OSAKA,
NEW YORK.

LONDON BANKERS:
THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LD.,
THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LD.

HONGKONG BRANCH—INTEREST ALLOWED:
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS for 12 months at 5 per cent.

On Fixed Deposits for 6 months at 4 per cent.

On Fixed Deposits for 3 months at 3 per cent.

TAKAO TAKAMICHI, Manager.
Hongkong, 25th September, 1905. [19]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA.

AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP.....£800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS.....£800,000

RESERVE FUND.....£275,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months, 4 per cent.

On Fixed Deposits for 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent.

On Fixed Deposits for 3 months, 3 per cent.

T. P. COCHRANE, Manager.
Hongkong, 18th May, 1905. [23]

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

AGENTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN CHINA, THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS:
AUTHORIZED.....\$10,000,000
CAPITAL PAID UP.....\$3,250,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$3,250,000

HEAD OFFICE: NEW YORK.

LONDON OFFICE: THREADNEEDLE HOUSE, E.C.

LONDON BANKERS: NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LIMITED.

UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK, LTD.

BRITISH LINEN COMPANY BANK.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE Corporation transacts every Description of Banking and Exchange Business, receives Money in Current Account and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—
For 12 months 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months 4 per cent. per annum.
For 3 months 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.

H. PINCKNEY, Manager.
No. 9, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 19th September, 1905. [20]

Mails.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR STRAITS TO SAIL ON REMARKS.

LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, CO. LOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES.	SUMATRA	W. R. Hickey	About 28th February	Freight and Passage.
YOKOHAMA VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE.	SOCOTRA	W. R. Hickey	About 4th March	Freight only.
SHANGHAI	OCEANA	W. Hayward, R.N.R.	About 9th March	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	DONGOLA	G. Phillips	Noon, 10th March	See Special Advertisement.

For Further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendant.

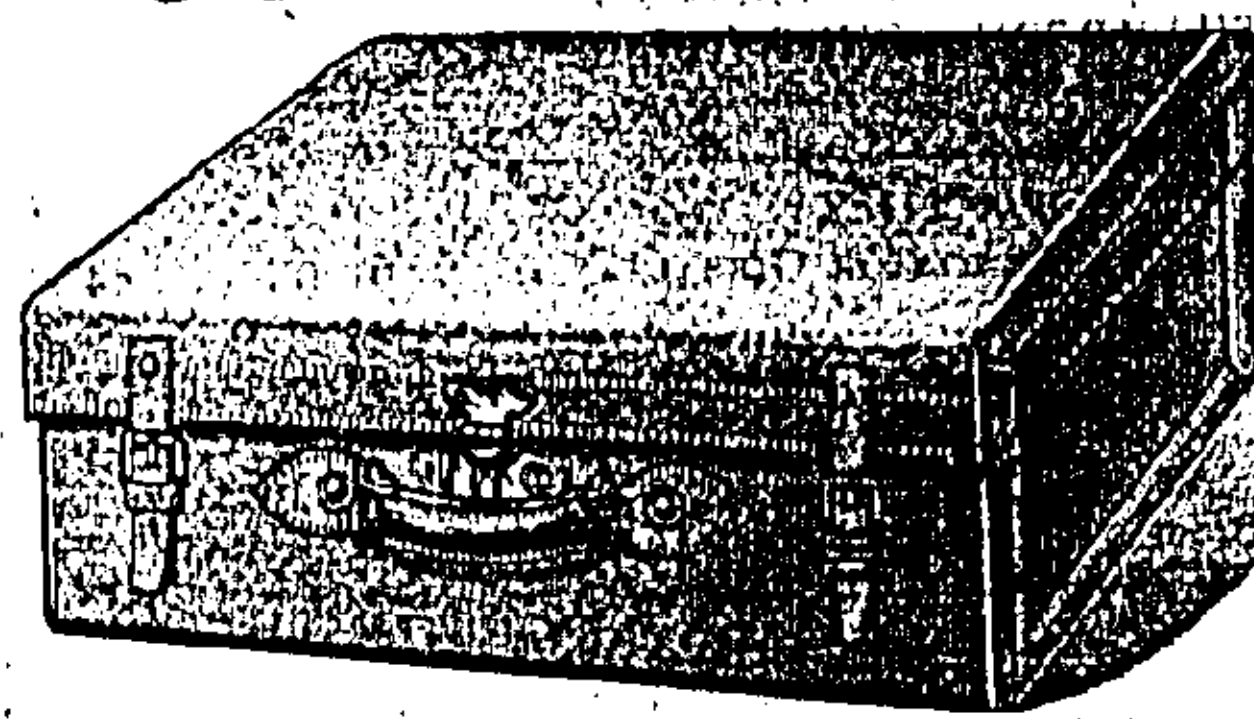
Hongkong, 24th February, 1906. [4]

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

SPECIAL VALUE IN

SUIT CASES.



A LARGE SELECTION OF

CABIN TRUNKS

IN LEATHER, CANVAS, STEEL, CANE, ETC.

ALL SIZES IN LEATHER KIT BAGS, HOLDALLS, COLLAR BOXES, HAT CASES, RUGS.

ALL KINDS OF TRAVELLERS' REQUISITES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1906. [40]

AQUARIUS

SPARKLING MINERAL TABLE WATER; Qts., Pts. & Splits.

SILENT WATER; Qts.

STONE GINGER BEER.

GINGER ALE.

LEMONADE.

PURE TREBLE DISTILLED WATER ONLY is used in the Manufacture of these Beverages and by these means ABSOLUTE PURITY IS GUARANTEED.

SOLE AGENTS

CALDBECK MACGREGOR & CO.,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,

15, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [46]

"MINIMAX"

HAND

FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

MINIMAX SYNDICATE, LIMITED.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BERLIN, HAMBURG, PARIS, VIENNA, MILAN, COPENHAGEN, ANTWERP, &c.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,

LOCAL AGENTS.

The most effective of all Hand Fire Extinguishing Apparatus.

NO PUMPS. NO HOSE. AUTOMATIC.

Extinguishes Oil, Varnish, Kerosine Oil, Tar, Benzine.

Guaranteed to remain in working order for any length of time.

SIMPLEST HANDLING.

Drive in the Knob and the apparatus is in action immediately, sending Spray nearly 40 feet.

IMPORTANT POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION.

"MINIMAX" Always ready for immediate use. Requires only one hand to hold. Weight only 10 lbs. when full. Maximum of simplicity and effect.

1. Self-acting. 2. Destroys all smokes. 3. Can be used by anyone, even lady or child. 4. Minimum of Price, Weight and Size.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1905. [33]

A SELECT DAY SCHOOL.

THREE University trained foreign teachers and capable Chinese teachers.

Careful supervision and individual attention assured.

Both ENGLISH and CHINESE taught. Special attention given to Conversational English.

Only a limited number can be admitted. ROOM FOR ONLY A FEW SEATS MORE.

Apply at once to—

F. O. LEISER, Head Master, Chinese V. M. C. A., 26, Des Voeux Road, Central.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1906. [201]

ASSOCIATION NIGHT SCHOOL.

BUSINESS Courses a Specialty.

ENGLISH taught in SIX FORMS.

Careful inspection of all work.

SIX FOREIGN TEACHERS.

TWO CHINESE TEACHERS.

School opens on THURSDAY, March 1st.

For further information, call or write—

THE HEAD MASTER, Chinese Youngmen's Christian Association, 26, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1906. [23]

Intimations.

WANTED.

By a Young Man a Situation. No objection to 40 Outposts. With knowledge of SHORT-HAND and TYPEWRITING. Very good references. Salary no object.

Apply to—

C/o Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906. [264]

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

IN LIQUIDATION.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.

9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Voeux Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, Liquidators.

Hongkong, 12th July, 1905. [167]

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 Cubic feet of COLD STORAGE available at EAST POINT. Stores will be open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. PARLANE, Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd June, 1906. [71]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$4.75 per Cask ex Factory.

In Bags of 250 lbs. net \$2.80 per Bag ex Factory.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1905. [167]

A. CHAZALON & CO.

6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

NOTED for their WINES, SPIRITS and PROVISIONS of which they have always a large assortment in stock.

The oldest established EUROPEAN BAKERS in the Colony.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1905. [61]

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.,

RIP-CHANDLERS, SAILMAKERS, COAL AND PROVISION MERCHANTS, NAVAL CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

GROUND FLOOR, ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, HONGKONG.

SOAP AND SODA MANUFACTURERS.

SOLE AGENTS FOR HARTMANN'S RAHTJEN'S GENUINE COMPOSITION RED HAND BRAND, HARTMANN'S GREY PAINT, DAIMLER'S PATENT MOTOR LAUNCHES.

Sole Agents for FERGUSON'S SPECIAL CREAM.

P. & O. SPECIAL LIQUOR SCOTCH WHISKY, &c.

EVERY KIND OF HIPS STORES AND REQUISITES ALWAYS IN STOCK.

AT REASONABLE PRICES.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1905. [51]

KWONG SANG & Co.,

No. 70, WELLINGTON STREET.

GENERAL DRAPERS, MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS in Ladies' and Children's Underwear, Silk, Pongee, Grass-cloth, Fancy and Piece Goods, &c.

Latest style of Ladies' Blouses and Gentlemen's Shirts made to order.

TRIAL ORDER SOLICITED.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [180]

Hotels.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Military Band during dinner on Saturday Nights.

H. HAYNES, Manager.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1905. [25]

GO TO THE KOWLOON HOTEL.

FOR HOTEL COMFORT AND THE BEST BILLIARDS.

Cable Address:—"Chef."

Telegraphic Address:—"CONNAUGHT."

CONNAUGHT HOTEL.

HONGKONG.

A FIRST-CLASS FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL HOTEL, situated near the BANKS, PRINCIPAL OFFICES and in the MAIN STREET.

Large and lofty Rooms, Elegantly Furnished.

Hydraulic Elevator.

Hot and Cold Water Baths and Shower Baths.

Launch Service for Guests.

Hongkong, 16th June, 1905. [27]

VICTORIA HOTEL, SHAMPOEN, CANTON.

ON THE BRITISH CONCESSION.

MACAO HOTEL, MACAO, CHINA.

IN THE CENTRE OF THE PRAIA GRANDE.

BOTH HOTELS UNDER EXPERIENCED EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT.

EVERY COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE FOR RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS.

W. W. FARMER, Proprietor.

HOTEL CRAIGIEBURN.

PLUNKET'S GAP, the PRAIA, near the TRAM TERMINUS, Tel. 56.

For Terms, &c., apply to the MANAGER.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1900. [181]

Intimations.

JAPAN COALS.

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA (MITSUI & Co.)

HEAD OFFICE—1, SURUGA-CHO, TOKYO.

LONDON BRANCH—34, LIME STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG BRANCH—PRINCE'S BUILDINGS, ICE HOUSE STREET.

OTHER OFF

Intimations.



A. S. WATSON & CO.,

LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT TO
HIS EXCELLENCY THE
GOVERNOR.

THE

HONGKONG DISPENSARY

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

IN ADDITION TO THE
5 PER CENT. DISCOUNT
ALREADY ADVERTISED,
FURTHER
REDUCTIONSHave been made from this date IN THE
PRICES of many of the following:—PATENT MEDICINES,
INFANTS' FOODS,
SOAPS,
PERFUMES.WE MAINTAIN THE LARGEST
and MOST COMPLETE STOCKS of
these GOODS in the Colony, and our
Stocks being frequently turned over, ensures
all Goods being FRESH and in the BEST
CONDITION.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,

LIMITED.

CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS, PERFUMERS,
ETC., ETC., ETC.ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS,
Hongkong, 20th January, 1906

GREGOR & CO.,

19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

LIQUEURS

FROM

MARIE BRIZARD & ROGER,

BORDEAUX.

AWARDS

THE

HIGHEST

WHEREVER

EXHIBITED.

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1905.

BIRTHS.
On the 17th February, at Kobe, the wife of
Wm. M. LAW, of a daughter (prematurely).
On the 10th February, at Shanghai, the wife
of W. BRUCE ROBERTSON, of a daughter.
On the 21st February, at Shanghai, the wife
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DEATH.
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Shanghai-Nanking Railway, in his 26th year.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1906.

NETHERLANDS TRADING
SOCIETY.

A very important addition to the banking
interests of Hongkong will be inaugurated
on the 1st of March, when the Netherlands
Trading Society will open its doors in an
establishment of its own. The Netherlands
Trading Society was formed, by Royal charter,
in 1824, under the name of the Neder-
landsche Handel-Maatschappij, with head-
quarters at Amsterdam. Originally, the
Company was purely a trading concern, but
as its interests extended and the ramifications
of its business widened it became more and
more a banking institution, financing the
projects of planters in Java and Sumatra,
and concerning itself with exchange matters.
At an early stage of its career the Bank
established itself in Singapore and the Net-
herlands Trading Society's building in the
southern part is one of the landmarks of
the settlement. In Hongkong, however,
it did not seem to the Bank's advisers
that it was necessary to establish a branch
here, and they were content to transact
business through the medium of the French
or German banks. In many ways this
proved inconvenient, as could be well under-
stood, and there can be no doubt that to
some extent the Bank's interests suffered
when it was not officially represented at the
premier port in the East. So long as the
French bank was not established at Singa-
pore the Netherlands Trading Society was
content to be without a home and habitation
of its own in Hongkong, but when the
French bank determined to set up its own
premises in Singapore the Netherlands
Trading Society resolved to establish an
office in Hongkong. Premises have been
secured in the very heart of the Hong-
kong banking area—in the building for-
merly occupied by the Banque de l'Indo-
China. The suite of offices thus obtained
is admirably fitted for the Bank's business.
A staff of European clerks under Mr. L.
Engel has arrived from Singapore, and
everything will be ready for the transac-
tion of affairs on the 1st of March.

The Society, although founded in Amster-
dam, has the largest part of its interests in
the East. The principal branch is in
Batavia where an immense business is done
in financing tobacco and sugar crops and in
contributing to the prosperity of the Colony,
which is synonymous with the prosperity of
the Bank. There are branches at Waikre-
den, Samarang, Soerabaya, Cheribon,
Tjilatjap, Pecalongan, Tegay, Paseroean,
Padang, Medan, Palembang, Kotaraja,
Telok-Semaweh, Bandjermasin, Singapore,
Penang, Rangoon, Surinam, and four years
ago a branch was opened at Shanghai.
The capital is £3,750,000 with a reserve
fund of £416,667. Last year the aggregate
credit balance was £423,488, and a divi-
dend at the rate of 11 per cent. will be
paid on last year's working. When the
Bank opens its doors to the general public
in Hongkong it will undoubtedly take an
important position as one of the leading
financial institutions in the Colony. There
are many large Chinese interests in Java
and Sumatra which will be committed to
the care of the Netherlands Trading Society,
whose strength and stability have been
proved over and over again. It is, more-
over, satisfactory to see the Bank establish-
ed in Hongkong, for that is probably one of
the best evidences that could be furnished
as to the financial position of the Colony.

For its size Hongkong is well served by the
banking interests, having all the chief banks
of the East accommodated in handsome
buildings, a credit to the Colony and them-
selves alike. We have pleasure in welcom-
ing the Netherlands Trading Society to
Hongkong on the principle that it is impos-
sible to have too much of a good thing,
especially in banking, and because the estab-
lishment of the Bank in Hongkong confers
increased financial standing on the Colony.

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U. E. Tang Shao-yi went to Tientsin on the
10th Feb. to confer with Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai
regarding the Russo-Chinese Treaty.

AXEL Larsen, fireman, s.s. *Ellerbeck*, was
charged at the Magistrate's Court this morning,
for stealing from the ship three pigeons, valued at
\$15 and five fathoms of rope, on Sunday. The
case remanded.

THE association football match between H.M.S.
Albatross and the Army Staff, which was played
on the Naval Football ground at Happy Valley
on Saturday afternoon, resulted in a draw.
The score was two all.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Com-
pany's total output of the Company's three
mines for the week ending 10th February
amounted to 2,302.35 tons and the sales during
the period to 5,960.05 tons.

FOURTEEN cases of small-pox were notified in
Hongkong last week, two being Europeans.
Eight of the patients died. There were twelve
cases of plague, the victims being Chinese, all
of whom succumbed to the disease.

TITUS W. Robertson, superintendent engineer,
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, charged
a coolie at the Police Court this morning, for
being absent from duty without permission.
Mr. F. A. Hazland fined defendant \$15.

THE following is the return of visitors to the
City Hall Library and Museum for the week
ending the 25th February:—Library, Non-
Chinese 250; Chinese 110; total 360. Museum,
Non-Chinese 94; Chinese 3,759; total 3,853.

MR. Uchida, the Japanese Minister, has lodged
a representation with the Chinese Government
in respect of the anti-Japanese letters circulated
at Canton, and pointing out that China should
strictly supervise such an unfriendly move-
ment.

OWING to the difficulties between the Canton
Viceroy and the gentry, the Government is
proposing to have the Ling Kwang Viceroy
Tsien and the Min-chie Viceroy Tuan Fang ex-
change posts. A decree to that effect will
follow forthwith.

H. E. YUEN, Customs Tatar at Shanghai and
Provincial Judge Designate of Kiangsu, will
hand over his seal of office on the 26th
inst., and will then proceed to Canton, to try
to restore amicable relations between Viceroy
Tsien and the gentry and merchants of Canton.

THE first prize meeting of the C. U. S. Rifle
Association will be held on the 19th March
and following days. The "Hutton" Cup will
be competed for between the 26th March and
14th April, entries close on 15th March. Teams
must give at least 3 days' notice to the hono-
rary secretary of the date on which they wish
to compete.

THE Shanghai has already settled upon the
composition of the staff of the Bureau for the
Registration of Trade-marks which is to be
one of the departments of that Board. The
Bureau is to be divided into six sub-depart-
ments, namely, (1) Notification (2) Investiga-
tion (3) Recording (4) Receiving and Distribu-
tion (5) Accountants (6) Judicial

QUITE a few ponies that took part at the last
race meeting have left the Colony for the
North. On Saturday last the following left
for Shanghai by the s.s. *Yih Sang*:—Gold
King, Numan King, Desert King, Emerald
King, Ca-Canny and New Bay. Buxey's
king was expected to leave to-day for the same
port by the *Chai-chen*. They are as under:—
Triumph Rose, Spotted Rose, Glorious Rose,
Famine Rose, Coronet Rose and La France
Rose. The latter pony, we are informed, will
be used as a hack at Shanghai. Two or three
ponies left for Manila by the *Zufro*.

MACDONNELL Road, Kowloon, was the scene of
a great fight on Saturday night, in which about
300 coolies and bamboo-poles played a most
active part and quite a few smashed heads
occurred. It appeared that at about 11 p.m. on
the night mentioned a gang of coolies were
engaged in hauling a huge log of timber. In
their way was an unoccupied truck. The go-
down coolies asked the owners of the truck to
remove it out of the way. Words grew warm
and a free fight occurred. Lee-yei, Wills heard
police-whistles blowing and got into the fray,
whereupon the crowd dispersed, leaving the
head godown coolie covered with blood. His
assistant was arrested and fined \$5 this morn-
ing. The complainant and the defendant
were bound over also, in the sum of \$100 each,
to be of good behaviour for one year.

Walking along his beat which came in the
vicinity of the hillside opposite Lower Rutter
Street, this morning, a police-constable came
face to face with a startling object. Suspended
by the neck with a stout rope, one end of which
was attached to a branch of the tree, a Chinaman
about 54 years of age was hanging. The rope
was cut, but the coolie had already expired,
and his body was removed to the morgue.
Inquiries were made and it was learnt that the
deceased, who was out of work, was in a bad state
of health, and so decided to put an end to his
troubles.

A young Chinese girl had quite an exciting
time in Hollywood Road, during the small
hours of Sunday morning. The girl, who was
accompanied by her amah, was on her way
home when they saw three men coming in
their direction. On getting to close quarters
one of the men threw some powder in the girl's
eyes, while the others tried to remove her
jewellery. The amah gave the alarm, but the
men had succeeded in stealing a gold-ring from
the girl's finger, and bolted down the
street. A Chinese constable came round the
corner in response to the cries and gave chase,
and was fortunate in capturing one of the men.
The coolie was placed before Mr. F. A.
Hazland at the Police Court this morning, and
gave an account of his conduct on the previous
night. His Worship said that there was a
doubt in his mind regarding the case and or-
dered defendant to be discharged.

THE PEAK TRAMWAYS.

THE AMALGAMATION SCHEME.

PROCEEDINGS IN COURT.

In Original Jurisdiction this morning, His
Honour Sir Francis Pigott, Chief Justice,
presiding, the case was heard of D. E. Brown
suing on behalf of himself and others *versus*
the Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.,
and Messrs. J. D. Humphreys and Son was
opened.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., instructed by
Mr. John Hastings, appeared for the plaintiffs,
and Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., and Mr. M. W.
Slade, instructed by Mr. J. H. Harston, of
Messrs. Ewens, Harston and Harding, ap-
peared for the defendants.

The statement of claim was as follows:—
1. The plaintiff is general agent in this Colony
of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company
whose office in this Colony is situate in Hotel
Mansions, and he is suing in this action on
behalf of himself and the other shareholders of
the Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co. Ltd.

2. The first defendant is a Limited Com-
pany registered in this Colony, which owns
and works a tramway from S. John's Place to
Victor's Gap at the Peak, which tramway was
constructed and has been and is being carried
on and worked under the provisions of Ordina-
nce No. 2 of 1883, (formerly known and num-
bered as Ordinance No. 6 of 1883).

The defendants, Messrs. J. D. Humphreys
and Son, are the general managers of the de-
fendant Company and were nominated as li-
quidators thereof by the special resolutions
hereinafter referred to.

3. The plaintiff and one Allan Cameron, and
certain other persons who dissented from the
said special resolutions, were and still are
shareholders in the defendant company.

4. On or about the 22nd May, 1905, the
said defendants as general managers of the
defendant company caused to be circulated to
the shareholders a circular, conveying a meet-
ing for the purpose of sanctioning the re-con-
struction of the company, the object being to
enable the company to acquire and construct
a new tramway to the Peak which otherwise
could not be constructed by an independent com-
pany necessarily working in direct opposition
to their company, which would, the managers
considered, be fatal to the continued existence
of their company as a dividend-paying concern,
and they had therefore been strenuously
opposing that scheme, but finding they were
unable to prevent it they made arrangements
with a view to amalgamating the two concerns,
so the proposed re-construction would be
advantageous to the company, and the principal
shareholders had expressed their cordial
approval of the plan. In case the reconstruction
was sanctioned the profits made half-yearly
would be made up to the 31st May and then
distributed as dividend.

5. On or about the said 22nd May, 1905, the
second defendants also caused to be circulated
another notice convening a meeting for the
3rd June for the purpose of considering the
advisability of the dissolution of the company
and for the purpose of passing the following
resolutions: (1) That it is desirable that the
company be dissolved and that it be wound up
voluntarily. (2) That the general managers
be and they are hereby appointed liquidators.
(3) That the liquidators be and they hereby
are authorized to consent to the registration of
a new company to be named the "Peak Tram-
ways Company, Ltd." with a memorandum and
articles of association which have been pre-
pared with the approval of the consulting
committee of the company.

6. That the liquidators be empowered to
sell to the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., the under-
taking of this company at the price of \$200 per
share either in cash or in shares of the new
company at the option of the shareholders of
this company and to enter into all necessary
agreements to that effect.

Should the above resolutions be passed by the
requisite majority they will be submitted for
confirmation as special resolutions to a second
extraordinary general meeting which will be
subsequently convened.

7. In pursuance of the notice the meeting was
held on the 3rd June, 1905, when the aforesaid
special resolutions were, or purported to be
passed, the plaintiff and other shareholders of
the said company dissenting from, and voting
against the same.

8. On the 20th June, 1905, the second meet-
ing was held for the purpose of confirming the said
resolutions and they were or purported to be
passed, plaintiff and the other shareholders
again dissenting from and voting against the
special resolutions.

9. On or about the 26th June the plaintiff
and other dissenting shareholders gave the
defendants a notice in writing to abstain from
carrying the said special resolutions into effect
or to purchase the interest of the plaintiff and
the other dissenting shareholders in the defen-
dant company, in pursuance with the provisions
of section 201 and 202 of the Companies Ordi-
nance of 1865.

10. The defendants did not, prior to the meet-
ing, obtain the approval of the Governor in
Council to the sale or disposal of the tramway
or undertaking of the defendant Company,
which approval is by section 45 of the said
Ordinance No. 2 of 1883 made a condition pre-
cedent to such sale or disposal, and so far
as the plaintiff is aware no such approval has
since been obtained.

11. In or about the month of April or May,
1905, without the authority of the shareholders
the second defendants agreed to purchase the
interest of Mr. A. F. Smith in a Bill for the
construction of a New Tramway to the Peak,
and to pay therefor out of the funds of the de-
fendant company the sum of \$25,000, and the
further sum of \$10,000 to the China Commercial
Company.

12. On the 17th October, 1905, the said A. F.
Smith assigned all his right, title and interest
in the said Bill to the China Commercial Com-
pany, Ltd.

13. On the 18th October, 1905, the second
defendants, disregarding the said notice served
on them by the plaintiff and other dissenting
shareholders, caused a company to be registered
in the Colony as "The Peak Tramways
Company, Limited," and on the same day en-
tered into an agreement whereby they assigned
or purported to assign all the undertaking,
business and property of the defendant Com-
pany to the Peak Tramway Co., Ltd.

14. By an agreement dated 25th October,
1905, the said China Commercial Company,
Ltd., assigned to the said Peak Tramway Co.,
Ltd., all the right of the former company in
consideration of the sum of \$35,000.

15. The plaintiff submitted that the special
resolutions were *ultra vires* and void because
the notices were not in proper order and did
not give sufficient information to the share-
holders as to the intended scheme, the capital
of the Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., being \$750,000
which was six times the capital of the defendant
Company.

The Plaintiff, therefore, pray:—
(1) A declaration that the resolutions which
were or which purported to be passed and
confirmed at the meetings of the shareholders
of the defendant company, held on the 3rd day
of June, 1905, and the 20th June, 1905,
respectively, were and are *ultra vires* and
void.

(2) An injunction to restrain the defendants
from carrying the said resolution into effect, or,
in the alternative,
(3) A declaration that the plaintiff, and all
the other shareholders in the defendant
company who have expressed their dissent in
writing from the said resolutions, were not and
are not bound to accept the sum of \$200 per
share, which was mentioned in the said resolution
for their interest in the said company, but were
entitled to require Messrs. J. D. Humphreys
and Son as the liquidators either to abstain
from carrying the said resolutions into effect or
to purchase their interest at a price to be de-
termined in the manner prescribed by section
201 and 202 of the Companies Ordinance,
1865.

(4) Costs.

THE DEFENCE
The defence alleged was, that the defen-
dants admitted the first eight paragraphs of the
statement of claim, and say that the special
resolutions therein referred to were valid and
effectual. They admit paragraph 9 of the said
statement, and say that the tramway and under-
taking of the defendant company has not been
sold or disposed of, and that the obtaining
of the approval of the Governor in Council is
not a condition precedent to entering into an
agreement for the sale of said tramway or
undertaking.

With regard to paragraph 10 of the state-
ment of claim the defendants deny that the
second defendant at any time agreed on
behalf of the defendant company to purchase
any right, benefit or advantage possessed by
Alexander Findlay Smith, or to pay therefor out
of the funds of the defendant company the sum
of \$25,000, or any sum to the China Commercial
Company, Ltd. With regard to paragraph 11 of
the statement of claim the defendants say that by an
indenture dated the 17th October, 1905, but
executed in the first week of August,
1905, between the said A. F. Smith and E. S.
Kadoorie and the China Commercial Com-
pany, Ltd., A. F. Smith by the direction of
E. S. Kadoorie and in pursuance of an agree-
ment made between E. S. Kadoorie and
A. F. Smith assigned all his rights and inter-
ests in the Bill promoted by A. F. Smith for
a new tramway to the Peak to the China
Commercial Company, Limited, for the sum of
\$25,000. The defendants deny that the sum
of \$25,000 has been paid or agreed to be paid
out of the funds of the defendant company.

The second defendant admitted that on the
18th October, 1905, they consented to the
registration of the "Peak Tramway Company,
Limited," but they deny that they assigned or
purported to assign the undertaking, busi-
ness or property of the defendant company.
On that date the second defendants entered
into an agreement with the Peak Tramway
Co., Ltd., to assign to that Company the under-
taking, business and property at a future date
and subject to the fulfilment of the conditions
of the said agreement. The conditions of that
agreement have not been fulfilled and the under-
taking, business or property has not been
assigned.

With regard to the 13th paragraph of the
statement of claim, the defendants said that by
an agreement dated 25th October, 1905, the
China Commercial Co., Ltd., agreed to assign
to the Peak Tramway Co., Ltd., all the rights
and interests of the said firm under the said
assignment to the Peak Tramway Company in
consideration of the sum of \$35,000, and no
\$25,000 as in that paragraph stated, but the
said sum of \$35,000 has not been paid and the
said rights and interests have not been assigned.

The defendants also said that the plaintiff
had no rights under sections 201 and 202 of
the Companies Ordinance of 1865. By article
103 of the Articles of Association of the
defendant company, it is provided that every
question of difference that shall arise be-
tween the company and any person having
any interest and right in the company
shall be referred to arbitration in the manner
therein laid down.

On the 27th October, 1905, the defendants,
desiring, if possible, to avoid further litigation
and delay, and being satisfied that the price of
\$200 per share, fixed by the said special
resolutions, was a proper price offered the
plaintiff to submit the price to be paid for his
share and interest in the defendant company
in the manner provided in the Articles of
Association. The defendants were under no
legal obligation to make such offer, and the
plaintiff has no right to have the price
determined by arbitration under the Articles
or any Ordinance at all, and the said
special resolutions, under which the price was
fixed, are binding on the plaintiff.

The plaintiff, by his notice of dissent referred
to in paragraph 9, elected to treat the said
special resolutions as valid and effectual.
Those resolutions were confirmed on 20th
June, 1905, and the plaintiff gave his notice of
dissent on the 26th inst., and during the
months of July, August, and September,
1905, was negotiating with the defendant
for a larger price than \$200 per share
for his interest in the said company, and
on the 15th September received notice that
the liquidators intended to carry the spe-
cial resolutions into effect. But the plaintiff
did not commence this action until the 24th
of October, 1905, after the Peak Tramway Com-
pany, Ltd., had on the 18th October, 1905, been
formed and registered as aforesaid, and after
the agreement of the 18th October, 1905, with
the Peak Tramway Company, Ltd., had been
entered into in pursuance of the powers given
to the liquidators by the said special resolu-
tions. The delay of the plaintiff in bringing
this action was unnecessary and excessive and
disentitled him to relief by way of injunction.
Save as aforesaid the defendants denied all
the allegations contained in the statement of
claim.

Counsel were heard on both sides.
The case is proceeding.

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
SERVICE.CHINESE ANTI-FOREIGN
FEELING.

GOVERNING OFFICIALS WARNED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 26th February,

12.45 p.m.

As a result of Japan's *communiqué*,
warning China against the encour-
agement of anti-foreign feeling, the
Chinese Government have issued an
edict in which all Viceroys and Gov-
ernors are informed that they will be
held personally responsible for the
suppression of anti-foreign teaching.

[N. C. D. News.]

The Garter Mission in Japan.

Tokio, 19th February.

The newspapers here are showing much
gratification in collecting fresh evidences of
the efficiency of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.
They regard Prince Arthur as the mutual
channel of ever-increasing camaraderie.
In the finest weather, four cruisers received
H.M.S. *Diadem* at the mouth of the Bay, and
followed her to Yokohama, where the flagship
Asahi (15,200 tons), the cruiser *Okawa* (3,420
tons), and a destroyer flotilla awaited her.
The *Diadem* was the first to fire a salute, to
which the *Asahi* and *Okawa* responded.
Admiral Tojo was the first to shake hands
with the British Mission, and he then presented
an address.

The Imperial train arrived at the Shimbashi
station at Tokyo at 11.40 a.m., and was met by
the Emperor and the Crown Prince. A military
salute was fired, and there was a display of day-
light fireworks.

The Crown Prince and Prince Arisugawa
drove in company with Prince Arthur, with a
guard of cavalry, and the party were lodged at
the Kasumigaseki Detached Palace.

The whole city is *en fête*.
The Investiture takes place to-morrow fore-
noon, and there is to be a gala dinner in the
evening.

The Manchurian Negotiations.

Peking, 19th February.

In the present Russo-Chinese negotiations,
Mr. Pokotiloff has not only refused to give up
possession of mines now being worked, and
others on which work has not yet been begun,
by Russia, in Heilungkiang province, declaring
that they were legitimately secured by Russia
under agreements made with authorised Chinese
officials at the time, but he is now urging
China to recognise in the new treaty Russia's
right to these mines.

Peking, 21st February.

The Russo-Chinese negotiations are making
some slight progress in regard to the question
of China's recovery of mining concessions and
land encroached upon by Russia, such as great
portions of the Aihun district, and several
places along the Heilungkiang river; attention
has also been given to Russia's counter-pro-
posals in regard to railways in Mongolia and
Heilungkiang province.

In diplomatic circles there is much indigna-
tion that Russia has refused almost all the
Chinese proposals while herself making un-
reasonable demands, with no regard to the
Treaty of Portsmouth.

The Anti-foreign Sentiment in

China.

Tokio, 20th February.

In a *communiqué* Japan states that she does
not anticipate any immediate outbreak, but in
view of the dangerous consequences of an
anti-foreign sentiment, she warns China of the
urgent necessity of its suppression.

Foreign Influences in Kwangsi.

Peking, 20th February.

The high officials and native gentry of
Kwangsi are endeavouring to counteract French
influence in the province by opening mines
and constructing

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

PEKING SENSATION.

DISCOVERY OF BOMBS.

OUTRAGE PROBABLY PLANNED BUT MISCARRIED.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 26th February.

12.45 p.m.

The utmost consternation has been created in Peking by the discovery of what is believed to be an anarchical plot.

A number of bombs were found in the Matchless station on Saturday, but the perpetrators of what was intended to lead to a bomb outrage have not yet been traced.

[Continued.]

The Japanese Famine.

London, 24th February.

The Ottawa Government has purchased 25,000 worth of wheat and flour for the relief of the famine in Japan.

The Duty on Sugar.

Mr. Asquith says that there is no hope of the sugar duty being relieved under existing circumstances.

Later.

The Morocco Conference.

The situation in Algeria is unchanged.

24th February.

M. Rouvier, speaking in the Chamber concerning Morocco, emphasised that France wants peace, but a peace with a safeguarding of her dignity and rights.

The French Navy.

The French Government proposes to build three 18,000-ton battleships.

The Chamber has passed the Workmen's Pension Bill.

The Situation in Natal.

Five hundred troops, and a battery of artillery, which have been mobilised at Durban, are proceeding to the disturbed native districts, forty miles to the north-east, and other troops have been called out.

Russia.

The organ of Count Witte announces that it will be necessary to raise £50,000,000 to cover an extraordinary budget expenditure, and that as this is at present impossible, it is consequently necessary to resort to a loan on onerous terms.

Later.

The United States.

The United States Secretary for War advocates the building up of an efficient army for maintaining the Monroe doctrine.

British Dockyards.

The Admiralty have decided to adopt their predecessor's scheme, spending £2,000,000 in improving Portsmouth Dockyard, and enabling it to deal with the biggest battleships of the Dreadnought type.

LAND SALES.

At the office of the Public Works Department this afternoon, a lot of Crown land at Kowloon (Inland Lot No. 1172) in Austin Avenue, measuring 10,732 square feet, annual rent \$153, was put up for sale by public auction. There was only one bidder, and Mr. F. Blunck purchased the land for \$7,633, twenty dollars above the upset price.

At the conclusion of the above sale, a piece of Crown land, at Peng Chau Island, near Lantau, New Territory, and measuring about forty-five acres, was the next to be put up for sale. This was secured by Mr. P. W. Goldring, of Messrs. Borton, Hett and Goldring, for \$1,820.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

There was a very good attendance of members at the 200 yards range at King's Park on Saturday and Sunday last, to take part in the closing shoots of February. Some very good shooting was done; Mr. J. C. Gow winning the "Pool" with a score of 67 from scratch.

Below are the principal scores:—

H. T. Richardson	70	W. T. Edwards	61
W. J. Binders	70	S. A. Joseph	61
W. D. Bradwood	69	W. Dobbs	61
C. J. Allen	68	C. Glover	61
J. C. Gow	67	J. Whittall	60
D. J. McKenzie	67	J. M. Henderson	60
A. Blouey	67	P. L. Miller	60
Dr. Macfarlane	67	E. W. Terrey	60
J. N. Jones	67	G. Richardson	60
W. H. T. Davies	66	J. McInnes	59
T. P. Cochran	65	P. J. Wodehouse	58
J. McCubbin	65	J. Stubblings	58
W. G. Humphreys	64	C. H. W. Kew	58
Sir F. T. Piggott	64	J. H. Underwood	58
E. J. Phillips	64	M. H. Henson	58
W. McKay	64	E. A. Hewell	57
R. H. King	64	A. S. Gubbay	57
J. H. Douglas	64	W. M. Stewart	57
S. H. Michael	64	A. G. Newington	57
J. H. Pidgeon	63	Hon. G. Stewart	56
G. K. Haxton	63	R. Brooks	56
J. C. Peter	63	W. Daniel	55
A. W. J. Watt	63	L. Gibbs	55
H. W. Fraser	63	W. Goodfellow	54
Dr. W. B. A. Moore	63	L. G. Bird	52
J. B. Lewington	62	G. H. Wakeman	51
A. Malt	62	E. E. Jones	51

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., was held in the offices of the company, Queen's Buildings, at 12 o'clock noon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the directors, and the statement of accounts to the 31st December, 1905. There were present Sir Paul Chater (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickson, Messrs. E. Goetz, G. H. Medhurst, N. A. Siebs, S. Silverstone, L. S. Van Buren, and H. P. White (Directors); W. Wilson (acting chief manager), T. I. Rose (Secretary), G. Murray Bain, H. F. Carmichael, G. de Champeaux, Chai, Siu Ki, Albert Denison, W. C. Jack, J. L. Lo, Lo Cheung Shiu, J. R. Michael, S. H. Michael, S. C. Michael, E. J. Moses, W. Parlane, P. H. Rolfe, F. Salinger, Murray Stewart, H. P. Smith, Captain Tillet, Captain R. Unwin, and Mr. E. C. Wilks.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, following our usual course, take them as read. The net profits for the half year ending 31st December, 1905, amount to \$17,649.83 as compared with \$328,205.51 for the first six months of the year, and \$370,159.03 for the corresponding period of 1904, a falling off which I am sure we all greatly deplore. To this sum must be added the sum of \$501,332.27 the balance brought forward from last account, and after deducting directors' and auditors' fees, we have available for appropriation the sum of 1662,332.10, which sum your directors propose, subject to your concurrence, to deal with as follows:—To pay a dividend for the half-year of 12 per cent. or 36 per share absorbing \$300,000 and to carry forward the balance \$6,632.10 to a new account. While, as I have already said, we must all deplore so poor a result for the past six months, it was, you will recollect, foreshadowed to some extent in my speech to you from this chair in August last, when I said I was afraid from various causes we could not look for any substantial improvement in the immediate future, and it is to be regretted that the depression in business then referred to continued throughout the remaining months of the past year. Happily, since we last met the peace between Russia and Japan, then looked toward to, has become accomplished, and the improvement in our business confidently expected to result therefrom will, I trust, have become apparent before I have occasion to again address you. We have not been idle in our efforts to already secure a share of the work to be done in vessels of the Russian navy, but owing to our No. 1 Dock being unable to accommodate their battleship *Czarewitch*, we have so far obtained no work for them worth mentioning, and from this cause also, gentlemen, I regret to say we lost the steamers *Minnesota* and *Dakota* which were obliged to go to Japan to be docked. The tonnage of ships docked during the last six months shows a slight falling off of some 2,000 tons, the figures for merchant vessels stand at 453,312 tons as against 591,731 for the last half year, and for war vessels 29,130 as against 95,002; of this latter only some 13,130 tons represent foreign merchant-war, but I hope that in this connection, we shall see a considerable improvement during the current six months, as we have now on our books four American battleships, and with the resumption of trade with this port by Japanese steamers, we may reasonably expect an increased share of the merchant shipping. The new work in the shipbuilding yard referred to in my last speech has been carried on satisfactorily. We have completed and delivered the three large steel steam waterboats, a steel water buoy for the U.S. Government at Manila, two large wooden lighters for local use and two small steam tugs for service at neighbouring ports. The large steamer for the Yangtze trade and the cargo lighter for Bangkok are making good progress, and we have recently secured an order for twelve large wooden lighters which, together with various contracts for steel work for the Hongkong Milling Co., cast-iron columns, &c., for new buildings help to keep our works profitably employed. The work of installing the electric drive in the Saw Mill is still in progress and will be completed during the present half-year on the arrival from home of the motors, and we have now on order an improved planer and a new lathe. The earnings of our dredger *Canton River* are small; the employment which I told you we had in view for her on the completion of her work at Canton having failed of arrangement. The value of materials on hand has increased during the period now under review by some \$150,000, mostly for the new Yangtze steamer now building and other contracts. Gentlemen, with nothing further to remark, before moving the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may have to put.

Mr. Michael—I have a few important questions to put, but I do not think it is politic to put them at this meeting, especially seeing that they would be liable to publication, and I will content myself with making a few remarks.

The Chairman—I think we should put the report and accounts to the meeting first. Any questions I should be pleased to answer.

Mr. Michael—Questions may arise as the result of my remarks. I think there can be no harm if I proceed. It is needless to say the result of the past half-year's working is a great disappointment. One shudders to think what would now have been our position had the construction of the expensive New Dock been sanctioned, which was so urgently pressed upon the favourable consideration of shareholders not long ago. We have fallen upon bad times; but I am to some extent disposed to look upon this as a blessing in disguise, inasmuch as it is, perhaps, only natural that, during a succession of good years, one is liable to become over-confident and get rather lavish in expenditure both temporary and permanent. In bad times it more than ever be-

hoves us, in every way, to retrench consistent with the maintenance of efficiency, and in case such a policy might have escaped the notice of the Board, I desire now to urge this upon their attention. Far be it from me to advocate low salaries, for instance; but rumour has it with what truth I do not know, that in some cases we are not receiving value for salaries paid. I earnestly draw the Board's attention to this question, as well as to the a parently unnecessarily large stock of materials carried, and it will be satisfactory to know that these, and all like matters, have the constant, careful, and thorough scrutiny of the Board. I hope that the outcome of the movements will gradually be shown to the shareholders, not in words and hopeful prophecies, but in tangible results.

The Chairman—Any further remarks? Nobody responding, the Chairman said: I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented be accepted.

Mr. Murray Bain—I had intended to compliment the directors and yourself, Mr. Chairman, upon the way in which the Company's affairs have been managed during the past years. After the statement on the part of Mr. Michael and your own explanation I feel inclined to emphasise that I consider that the Board have exercised an exceedingly wise discretion in the distribution of the profits that have been made. The profits made have been wonderfully good considering everything all round, and instead of severe criticism or criticism of almost any kind the Board deserved the greatest credit for what they have done. It is all very well to try to blame the Board for not doing this or not doing that, but getting business, doing this or doing that; but it seems to me it is simply out of the question. Last year was a lean year and no efforts on the part of any leading member of the Board could have changed that fact. However, I should like to call attention to the peculiarity which seems to force itself upon my mind the fact that the Board has done right. There is a section of shareholders who complain about the smallness of the dividend. There is another section that complains about the largeness of the dividend. That forces me to the conclusion that the Board has selected the happy medium, and in its wise discretion has done the best thing in the interests of the solid bona-fide investor in the Colony. There is one other thing I should like to call attention to and that is the wisdom which the Board has shown in re-electing you, Mr. Chairman, for another term of office. We all know the interest you have taken on behalf of the Company, and I think that every one of us will agree—not only those present, but also those who are absent—in the wish that you should continue for a long time to come the good services which you have given so long on our behalf (applause). With these remarks, gentlemen, I have great pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and the passing of the accounts as placed before us (applause).

The motion was carried nem. con.

Mr. J. R. Michael—I think Mr. B. has misunderstood me in saying that we were complaining about the directors for not getting us business. What I have urged for is retrenchment to suit the times. We cannot possibly blame the directors for lack of business; we shall be content with our fate.

The Chairman: I am sure the directors will pay due consideration to the remarks made by Mr. Michael as they have always done (applause).

Mr. Salinger moved the confirmation of Mr. G. H. Medhurst, the Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickson, and Mr. S. Silverstone as directors of the Company.

Mr. Parlane seconded.

Agreed.

Mr. Tillet moved the re-election of Mr. H. P. White and Mr. E. Goetz as directors.

Mr. Wilks seconded.

Agreed.

Mr. Unwin moved the re-appointment of Messrs. Thomas Arnold and H. U. Jeffries as auditors.

Mr. Leiria seconded.

Agreed.

The Chairman—That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-seventh ordinary general meeting, to be held at the offices of the general managers, on Wednesday, the 7th prox., at 12 o'clock noon, is as follows:—

The general managers and consulting committee have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the thirty-seventh annual report of the company.

1905 Account.—This account shows a profit of \$220,417.66 which sum, subject to the approval of the shareholders, it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz:—

Dividend of \$25 per share, \$200,000.00
Addition to reserve fund, 20,417.66
\$220,417.66

1906 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$122,618.04.

Mortgages.—From the reports and valuations made by the company's surveyors, the general managers and consulting committee are satisfied that the properties held by the Company form ample security for the advances made.

Consulting Committee.—In accordance with section 13 of the articles of association, the present members of the committee the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, G. H. Medhurst, Messrs. White, Malland and Raymond retire but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. H. Potts and T. Arnold and their re-election as auditors of the company is recommended.

BANKRUPTCY.

PAYMENT OF TAXED COSTS.

In the case of the Hui Fuk Chan firm, ex parte the Hong Yuen Bank, Mr. C. F. Dixon, of Mr. John Hastings office, applied on behalf of the creditors, last Thursday, for an order for payment of taxed costs out of the bankrupt's estate.

THE S.S. "KWONG TUNG."

GROUNDED THREE MILES FROM PORT.

The Canton boat *Kwong Tung*, with 630 passengers on board, which was due here from Canton on Sunday morning at about two o'clock, did not reach port until about noon, on Sunday. This long delay, we are informed by the Yuen On Steamship Co., was due to the *Kwong Tung* taking the ground near Castle Peak. It appears that at about half-past one on Sunday morning the fog outside was so dense that the *Kwong Tung* had to slow down to prevent any mishap. When near Castle Peak the vessel was grounded, and at 2 a.m. on the same day at high tide she got off and entered the port. The damage, we understand, is very slight and the vessel left for dock at 1.30 p.m., to-day.

TRAGEDY IN HONGKONG.

CHINAMAN MYSTERIOUSLY DROWNED.

A case which is at present shrouded in mystery and which will occupy some time in solving was discovered at Causeway Bay this afternoon, when the dead body of a heavy, and well-built Chinaman, who, from outward appearances, belonged to the sampan fraternity, was dragged out of the harbour. The body was seen floating in the water, the discovery being made by an Indian policeman, who secured assistance and brought the body ashore. On examination the body was found to be quite warm, but life had departed. There was a bruise above the right eye, and the left ear had been cut off. Round the neck was a thin rope—not tied sufficiently tight to cause death by strangulation—and the rope was carried down to the legs, which were bound. The bruise over the eye is stated to have been bleeding when the body was discovered. There is no clue to the identity of the deceased, but it looks as if there had been foul play. The theory is that the man was bound, a heavy weight attached to the rope and the body flung into the water. In his struggles the man may have managed to loosen the weight, but was too exhausted to save himself. The ear may have been wrenched off by contact with the rocks. Of course, it is all pure surmise, for the police authorities have no inkling as yet regarding the story behind the tragedy. The body was removed to No. 2 police station and afterwards to the mortuary, where a post mortem examination will take place.

THE BANDMANN OPERA COMPANY.

On Saturday night the Bandmann Opera Company opened a short season at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, the piece produced for an opening performance being the musical comedy "Lady Madcap."

The orchestra was good (the Baluchis are always good), the scenery was good, and the acting generally was excellent, but the "play" was a very absurd conglomeration of impossible occurrences, while the thread taking the place of the plot was mere froth. The name of the piece, "Lady Madcap," would lead the ordinary theatre-goer to expect some extraordinary acts of folly, hysteric tricks and escapades, on the part of the heroine, but the reality proved slightly different, and "Madcap" was somewhat unjustly named. Still in the hands of that old favourite, Miss Georgie Corless, the most well made of the title role, and a very attractive "Lady Betty" was presented by her spirited acting, singing and dancing. The thread, a very cobwebby thread, has been already described, and we can only say that when the curtain rose on Saturday night we were very glad to have made innumerable old favourites who have made innumerable appearances in the Hongkong theatrical boards, notably, besides the heroine in the play, Miss Georgie Corless, were Misses Nora Morris, Wilmet Karkeek, and Blanche Forsythe, and Messrs. Duncan Munro, quite a Far Eastern veteran, Harry Cole, the inimitable, Mark Lester, W. Baker, Dean Percival, Henry Vincent, Percy Haydn, A. E. Rees, Spencer Trevor, Will Smith and R. St. George, who were all in their usual form and helped to make the absurdities go with a swing, while Mr. Ernest Atwell did good work as the Count de St. Hubert, reminding us very much of the "real article."

To-night "Aladdin," and his wonderful lamp will be staged for this one occasion and should draw as good a house as Saturday's performance which is saying a good deal, as when the curtain rose on the "Madcap" on that night, the usual quarter of an hour late, there was scarcely a vacant seat in the whole auditorium, and those occupied accommodated a most appreciative audience.

There is one little matter that by no means appeals to a Hongkong audience, and that is, instead of finding the programme of the play as usual on the chair reserved for one's use, one has to go about to get one's use, and it is only obtainable after the play has begun and the lights gone down, and then only at a price. On Saturday, looking at the programmes, when at last obtained, one had to pause and consider just where one was, for these documents announced the performance as taking place in another Colony.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, 1906, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts of the Company to the 31st December 1905, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th February to 3rd March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. MOONEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

NOTICE.

THE SALE BY AUCTION OF ALMA TATES stands postponed to a future date, of which due notice will be given.

KENNEDY & Co.
A. ANDREY & Co. Auctioneers.
Penang, 16th February, 1906.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 12 1/2 per Share for the 18 months ending 31st December, 1905, declared at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be payable at the premises of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the 27th February, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New Praya.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

NOTICE.

MR. RICHARD HANCOCK is authorised to sign the name of our Firm per Procuration.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

A VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT will be given at the KOWLOON RECREATION INSTITUTE, on SATURDAY, 3rd March, by Mr. JOHN J. LOKAN, kindly assisted by Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs in aid of the INSTITUTE. Fee of Admission: 50 Cents. Sailors and Soldiers free. Seats can be booked at the INSTITUTE.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

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Leesee & Manager: MAURICE E. HANDMANN.

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SEASON FOR TWO WEEKS ONLY.

TO-NIGHT,

(MONDAY), 26th February,

"ALADDIN."

(ONE NIGHT ONLY).

TO-MORROW,

(TUESDAY), 27th February,

"SERGT. BRUE."

WEDNESDAY, 28th February,

"LITTLE MICHAEL."

THURSDAY, 1st March,

"EARL AND THE GIRL."

Prices of Admission \$3, \$2 and \$1.

Seats can now be booked. Plan at the ROBINSON PIANO CO.

Doors Open at 8.30. Commence usual time.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR,"

Captain E. Fey, will be despatched for the above Ports, on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"TONKIN,"

Captain Charbonnel, will be despatched as above, on or about MONDAY, the 5th March.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "TREMONT,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI, SHANGHAI AND MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1906.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUTSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M., the 28th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

Intimations.

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THE APOLLO PIANO PLAYER

IS A

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NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA
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EUROPEAN SERVICE.

OUTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	1st March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TEENKAI"	13th "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	17th "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	20th "
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	28th "

The S.S. "Agamemnon" left Singapore on the 24th inst., and is due here on the 1st March.

HOMEWARD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"SAINT BEDE"	27th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	13th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"PELEUS"	20th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"ALCINOUS"	27th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	10th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"AGAMEMNON"	20th "
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"TEENKAI"	24th "

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EASTWARD.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"KEEMUN"	19th March.

WESTWARD.

FROM	STEAMER	DUE
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA and PACIFIC COAST	"KEEMUN"	19th March.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"	27th February.
MANILA	"TEENKAI"	27th "
ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TSINAN"	28th "
SHANGHAI	"SHAOSHING"	3rd March.
NINGPO and SHANGHAI	"KANGSU"	3rd "
CEBU and ILOILO	"KALFONG"	6th "
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	7th "
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RUBI	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA	SATURDAY, 3rd March, at Noon.
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GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1906.



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STUDIO AT NO. 14, D'AGUIAR STREET.
REASONABLE FEES.
Consultation Free.
Hongkong, 10th July, 1904.

Dr. M. H. CHAN.
THE LATEST METHOD
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From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 22nd July, 1905.

Shipping—Steamers.

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S.S. "WING CHAI,"
Captain T. AUSTIN, R.N.R.THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong on
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at 8.30 A.M. Departs from Macao on Week
Days at 2.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 5.30 P.M.
if tide permits.

FARES.—Week Days, 1st Class, including
Cabin and servant, Single \$3; Return Ticket,
\$5; 2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents.
Every Sunday will be an Excursion, at the
following rates:—1st and 2nd Class, Single
Ticket, \$1; Return, \$2; 3rd Class, Single, 30
cents, Return, 50 cents; Steerage, 20 cents.
Breakfast, Tiffin and Dinner can be supplied
either on Board, or at the Macao Hotel, for
returning passengers only, at an extra charge
of \$2.

On Sundays, passengers desiring to have a
Private Cabin which has accommodation for
two or more passengers, will be charged \$3
extra.
First Class Passengers, who do not care to
return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed
to do so the following day (Monday) on pro-
duction of the Return Half Ticket. Should
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the Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given
by the Captain, and the Half Ticket will be
available for the following day.
The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity.
The Steamer's Wharf at Hongkong is at the
Western end of Wing Lok Street.

S.M. WANG CO.,
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1906.

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Tons	Captain
"KWONG CHOW" 1,309	T. R. MEAD.
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Passage Fare—Single Journey \$4
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Hongkong, 23rd August, 1905.

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SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	WEDNESDAY, 28th Feb., 3 P.M.
S'GAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"HINSANG"	WEDNESDAY, 28th Feb., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HINSANG"	WEDNESDAY, 28th Feb., 4 P.M.
TIENTSIN	"WOSANG"	THURSDAY, 1st March, 4 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	FRIDAY, 2nd March, 4 P.M.
S'GAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	THURSDAY, 8th March, 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

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Hongkong, 31st January, 1906.

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(With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast).

THE Steamship

"YEDDO,"

Captain Baird, will be despatched for the
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Hongkong, 7th February, 1906.

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Hongkong, 19th February, 1906.

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1906.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
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THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"

Captain E. Fey, will be despatched for the above
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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1906.

Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SLAVONIA,"

Captain Forsthaus, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed at
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and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, at Kowloon and stored at Consignees'
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DAY.Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
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ous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at
Consignees' risk and expense.All Claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here after which
date they cannot be recognised.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 3rd March, 1906, will be
subject to rent.All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 27th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1906.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"DELTA,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed and placed at their risk in the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark,
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.This vessel brings on Cargo:—
From London, &c., ex S.S. "Mooltan".
From Persian Gulf, &c., ex B. I. S. N. and
B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
6 hours.Goods not cleared by the 1st March, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignees'
and the Company's representative at an ap-
pointed hour.All claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here after which
date they cannot be recognised.No claims will be admitted after the goods
have left the Godowns.E. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1906.

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Goods are landed.Optional Goods will be landed here unless
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6 hours.Goods not cleared by the 27th instant, at
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breathtaking place. It is a discovery that
will make the world a more
astounding place. It is a discovery that
will make the world a more
amazing place.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

In reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Pitts write in their report of 23rd Feb. as follows:—A distinctly better tone has prevailed in the market during the week, and the volume of business has increased to some extent.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have slightly weakened and have been sold at \$80. The London quotation has also receded to 205 for 100. Nationals remain unchanged at \$18.

Marine Insurances.—Antons have continued on the rise and are placed at \$340. China Traders have been booked at the further advanced rates of \$33 and 31, and more shares are wanted at the former quotation. Unions have improved to 150. North China are inquired for in small lots at 112, but there are no shares to be obtained at this figure. Yangtze are quoted in Shanghai at \$177.

First Insurances.—China Fire is in demand at \$89. Hongkong Fire remains weak with sellers at \$32.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamers have been dropped at \$14 and close with further sellers. There is nothing doing in Indo-China and the market closes quiet at \$97. China and Manila are in request at 121. Douglas Steamships have been dealt in at 54, and further shares are wanted at this price. S. E. Transports have improved to 24.

Refineries.—China Sugars have dropped to \$112. Luggins have also declined and are offered at \$39.

Mining.—Large parcels of Chinese Engineering have been taken off the market at the enhanced rate of 110. Raubs have gone down to \$31.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are on offer at \$163. Farmlands have reacted but can be placed at 112. Kowloon Wharves have further weakened and are obtainable at \$107. Hongkong Wharves are a shade firmer and have inquired at 112.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands have dropped to 116, at which rate sales have been effected. Shanghai Lands can be placed at 115, the final dividend of 115 being paid in Shanghai today. West Point continues quiet at \$53 and Kowloon Lands have fallen to \$35. Hongkong Hotels have sellers at \$149. Humphreys' Estates can be procured at \$12.

Cotton Mills.—A marked rise in all stocks under this head has to be recorded. Ewos have changed hands at 118. Internationals are in demand at 115, and Lao-Kung-Mow can be placed at 115, 62 ex the dividend of 115, 8 paid in Shanghai on the 21st instant. Soy Chees have jumped to 275, no doubt owing to the very good report issued, and shares are inquired for at this figure. The following is taken from the General Managers' Report for presentation to shareholders at the Ordinary Meeting advertised for the 6th proximo. The native cotton crop of 1905 has been a very satisfactory one, and it is wholly of the production during the year under review has been sold at very remunerative prices.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have been in strong demand and close with buyers at 134. Electrics have improved to 115 for the old and \$16 for the new shares. China Provident has again been done a 59. Pulp and Papers are in request at 115. Langkate have inquired at 112.

YARN MARKET.

In their report dated 23rd instant, Messrs. Phirozshah, P. P. and Co. write:—It is never safe to prophesy and our most sanguine anticipations have been dashed to the ground, and we have now to wait a better tone to prevail in bringing them back into business. Chinese dealers at the same time are interesting their previous heavy settlements and there is a stagnation around, only No. 202 having maintained their hold on the market.

As far as Bombay mills are concerned, after an experience of only a quarter of a century, we feel competent to speak thereon, and we feel it almost incumbent to raise a warning voice. Bombay mills may have one day to confront some serious problem affecting their vital interests. True it is that the mills have seen a boom recently, but that should not be allowed to beguile the mill owners as to the future of this the greatest, and perhaps the only, industry that has thrived in British India. For some time past a bitter controversy has been raging between the millowners and the operatives as to the hours of working and proportionate increase of wages. Lancashire has been agitating for eight to ten, and in working hours in Indian mills, although Lancashire's motives in the matter need not be questioned. Then, there is Japan, an ally and political friend of England, but a free agent in matters of trade and commerce, who has been so active in capturing one market after another in China and is now contemplating the erections of mills in Shanghai and other provinces in China. It behoves the millowners to look to their laurels and putting their hands together they should find some way out of the present complication and bring about a better understanding between master and servant—mill owners and mill operatives—instead of thinking of revolutionary schemes like the employment, or the experimental employment, of Chinese labour in Indian mills—an agitation that is now in the air, and an experiment that had its day some years ago with disappointing results.

A very good business is reported in No. 202, at last mail's price.

A moderate business is reported in No. 122, and prices show a decline of from one dollar to a dollar and a half.

No. 102, ruled very quiet; only forced sales were effected at a concession of from one to three dollars on last mail's prices, and at the close they ruled very weak.

No business is reported in Nos. 82 and 62.

The market closes weak with a downward tendency.

Sales during the past fortnight comprise about 1,500 bales of No. 102, 125 bales of No. 122, 50 bales of No. 162, and 1,975 bales of No. 202, in all about 3,500 bales.

Arrivals per steamers: *Namang* and *Catherina* (from Calcutta), and steamers *Formosa*, *Formosa*, and *Della* (from Bombay) of about 17,500 bales for this port, and about 1,700 bales for Shanghai.

It is also reported that about 3,500 bales of former forward sales arrived during the past fortnight.

Unsold stock is estimated at about 74,000 bales.

Uncleared stock is about 67,000 bales. No sales are reported in Local as well as Japanese Yarns. Cotton:—A lot of 75 bales fetched \$22 per picul. Exchange:—We quote today as under:—
India T. T. at Rs. 154 per cent.
Demand " " 154
London T. T. Sh. 207/84
Demand " " 207/84
Shanghai " " 115
Silver " " 309/16d. per oz.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Tremont, Am. s.s. 6,197, T. W. Garlick, 24th Feb.,—Seattle via Manila 21st Feb., Gen.—D. & Co., Ltd.
Tjilivong, Dut. s.s. 3,061, N. van Wch Iurrienne, 24th Feb., Amoy 22nd Feb., Gen.—J. C. J. L.
Teuplo, Ger. s.s. 600, Bethmann, 21st Feb., Vladivostok 16th Feb., Ballast.—C. & Co.
Daphne, Ger. s.s. 1,435, F. Schipper, 24th Feb.,—Vladivostok via Otaru and Mororan 11th Feb., Coal.—E. A. T. Co.
Iberia, Am. s.s. 5,615, A. Zeeder, 24th Feb., San Francisco 21st Jan., and Shanghai 21st Feb. Mails and Gen.—P. M. S. S. Co.
Pelemburi, Ger. s.s. 1,400, G. Hillmann, 25th Feb., Bangkok 16th Feb., Rice and Meat.—I. & Co.
Onfa, Br. s.s. 5,676, I. Rely, 24th Feb.,—Pacific Ports via Ujji 21st Feb., Flour and Timber.—H. & S.
Kwangle, Br. s.s. 1,688, R. Lincoln, 24th Feb.,—Shanghai 22nd Feb., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Changchow, Br. s.s. 1,228, H. Walker, 25th Feb.,—Singapore 21st Feb., Rice.—B. & S.
Brilang, Br. s.s. 2,510, A. Wallace, 25th Feb.,—Shanghai 22nd Feb., Gen.—G. L. & Co.
Petrarch, Ger. s.s. 1,252, R. Halye, 25th Feb.,—Sourabaya 14th Feb., Sugar.—S. W. & Co.
Den of Main, Br. s.s. 2,616, P. Singer, 25th Feb.,—London via Singapore 19th Feb., Gen.—N. Y. K.
Heliopolis, Br. s.s. 2,967, R. Kiley, 24th Feb.,—Barry 12th Jan. (Ballast)—G. L. & Co.
Yonsang, Br. s.s. 1,177, H. S. Malkin, 24th Feb.,—Shanghai 20th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Saint Peter, Br. s.s. 2,285, W. O. Clements, 24th Feb.,—Shanghai 22nd Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
Chiyeun, Ch. s.s. 1,275, C. Stewart, 24th Feb.,—Canton 24th Feb., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Kutang, Br. s.s. 1,109, R. C. D. Bradley, 26th Feb.,—Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 20th Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Yuenang, Br. s.s. 1,128, P. H. Rolf, 26th Feb.,—Manila 23rd Feb., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Tainan, Br. s.s. 1,470, C. Lindbergh, 24th Feb.,—Kuchinotzu 21st Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
Spey, Ger. s.s. 1,161, O. Muller, 24th Feb.,—Amoy 21st Feb., Gen.—H. A. I.
Longon, Fr. s.s. 2,444, Casanova, 26th Feb.,—Anvers (thru Gen.—M. M.
Ningpo, Br. s.s. 1,220, Feiv, 26th Feb.,—Canton 25th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.
Taiwan, Br. s.s. 1,041, J. A. Martin, 26th Feb.,—Canton 25th Feb., Gen.—B. & S.

Departures.

Feb. 25.
Daifin Maru, for Swatow.
Saint George, for Manila.
Tjilivong, for Shanghai.
Palmetto, for Amoy.
Hansang, for Shanghai.
Carl Diederichsen, for Haiphong.
Kwangle, for Canton.
Wosang, for Canton.

Passengers arrived.

Per *Spezia*, from Amoy—994 Chinese.
Per *Tjilivong*, from Amoy—Rev. King.
Per *Renlarie*, from Shanghai—Mr. Brown.
Per *Kwangle*, from Shanghai—107 Chinese.
Per *Pelemburi*, from Bangkok—Dr. G. T. Jones.
Per *Siberia*, from San Francisco, &c.—Mr. Geo. F. Peirley, Miss F. Brock and maid; Mr. P. A. Byers, Miss F. Coleman, Messrs. F. B. Coyne, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Erlanger, Miss Idell Etheridge, Messrs. Wm. Green, Wm. F. Johnson, R. Hancock, Chas. J. Kinder, Wm. C. Krug, H. E. Mayer, Alex. McClure, Julius H. Metz, L. E. Penman, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. U. Raymond, Messrs. Harry S. Ross, E. W. Stoll, Mrs. S. Sutton, Mrs. C. J. Train, Miss G. T. Train, Misses M. L. Underwood, Ellen M. Watkins, Mrs. Bernard Potter, Miss Corn Cromwell, Messrs. E. A. Katsch, H. von Hauffman, Mrs. M. A. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. O. Denny, Mrs. Emma S. Devlin, Messrs. Hallward, J. H. Langtry, Dr. L. C. McCracken, Dr. A. H. Remington, Dr. R. Scarlett, and Mr. Hal. Cochran.
Per *Yuenang*, from Manila—Messrs. Birch and O'Brien.
Per *Titan*, from Kuchinotzu—Mrs. Cusaden, Misses Cusaden (2), Messrs. Cusaden, Berne and Nairn.
Per *Kutang*, from Singapore—Capt. and Mrs. Champain, Mr. J. J. Fleming, Mrs. Rende, Mrs. Abrane, Mr. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Hannie, Messrs. Van Dyke, P. Friedrich, Davis, and 579 Chinese.

Shipping Report.

Str. *Spezia* from Amoy:—Foggy and rainy weather.
Str. *Kutang* from Singapore:—Light variable breeze, smooth sea.
Str. *Titan* from Kuchinotzu:—Moderate to strong NE. winds, and hazy thick misty rain.
Str. *Oanfa* from Pacific Coast:—Had gales every day, and three hurricanes crossing the Pacific.
Str. *Changchow* from Saigon:—Light SE. wind until 24th and 25th, strong NE. gale, high head sea.
Str. *Kwangle* from Shanghai:—Fresh NE. winds and foggy weather, with moderate sea throughout the passage.
Str. *Daphne* from Vladivostok:—Fog on the 22nd inst. N. from Formosa, on the 23rd anchored late at night at the islands outside harbour entrance.
Str. *Yuenang* from Manila:—Experienced moderate SSW. winds and slight sea, fine clear weather to Lat. 21° N., from thence to port fresh NE. winds and sea, overcast and cloudy.

Vessels in Port.

STAMPAH.
Arntoon Apar, Br. s.s. 4,931, E. Fey, 23rd Feb.,—Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 17th Feb., Gen.—D. S. & Co., Ltd.
Binh Phuan, Fr. s.s. 2,000, R. Lagane, 13th Feb.,—Wakamat u. (Japan) 7th Feb., Coal.—B. & Co.
Borussia, Ger. s.s. 6,951, Ph. Hahn, 20th Feb.,—Wilhelmshaven 13th Jan., Gen.—H. A. L.
Cairo, Nor. s.s. 3,381, J. Larsen, 13th Feb.,—Jor 9th Feb., Gen.—Order.
Chowfa, Ger. s.s. 1,055, J. Spiesen, 16th Feb.,—Bangkok 9th Feb., Rice and Timber.—B. & S.
Clare, Ger. s.s. 1,101, J. Ivarsen, 22nd Feb.,—Saloon 18th Feb., Gen.—I. & Co.
Chunang, Br. s.s. 1,417, Cox, 20th Feb.,—Hongay 17th Feb., Coal.—J. M. & Co.
Decima, Ger. s.s. 794, H. Schlackier, 22nd Feb.,—Amoy 19th Feb., Ballast.—O. S. K.
Dr. Hans Jürg Kier, Nor. s.s. 691, H. E. Larsen, 19th Dec.,—Hollo 14th Dec., Sugar.—Jagard & Thorsen Co.
Empress of Japan, 16th Feb.,—Vancouver 15th Jan., and Shanghai 13th Feb. Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
Germania, Ger. s.s. 1,711, T. Peterson, 22nd Feb.,—Saigon 12th Feb., Rice.—J. & Co.
Haitan, Br. s.s. 1,183, J. S. Roach, 24th Feb.,—Faochow 20th Feb., Amoy 21st, and Swatow 23rd, Gen.—D. S. & Co.
Haus Wagner, Ger. s.s. 905, Kayemann, 3rd Feb.,—Swatow 22nd Feb., Ballast.—L. W. & S.
Mache, Ger. s.s. 1,600, J. Harjes, 21st Feb.,—Bangkok 15th Feb., Rice.—B. & S.
Mateppa, Br. s.s. 3,420, W. H. Dormand, 15th Feb.,—London via Colombo and Singapore 7th Feb., Gen.—N. Y. K.
Mausang, Br. s.s. 1,644, R. Houghton, 17th Feb.,—Sandakan 10th Feb., Timber and Gen.—J. M. & Co.
Mercedes, Br. transport, 2,900, J. S. McGregor, 6th Feb.,—from Polo Condore Island.
Paklai, Ger. s.s. 1,018, H. Demes, 22nd Feb.,—Bangkok 16th Feb., Rice and Meat.—B. & S.
Progress, Ger. s.s. 682, Ahren, 13rd Feb.,—Moji 16th Feb., Ballast.—H. A. L.
Shu Shu Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,760, Nemoto, 17th Feb.,—K. lung 14th Feb., Coal.—O. S. K.
Slavonia, Ger. s.s. 3,265, F. Porzelina, 24th Feb.,—Hamburg 11th Jan., Gen.—H. A. L.
Teau, Br. s.s. 1,144, W. B. Brown, 24th Feb.,—Manila 20th Feb., Sugar and Hemp.—B. & S.
T. S. Queda, Br. s.s. 2,710, R. H. Coopes, 22nd Feb.,—Rangoon 16th Feb., Rice.—Order.
Windor, Br. s.s. 1,851, J. B. Booth, 19th Feb.,—Fremantle, W.A. and Feb., Sandalwood.—D. & Co., Ltd.

SAILING VESSELS.

Albert Hickmora, Ger. ship, 1,887, Hulesbusch, 19th Feb.,—New York 6th Sept. 1905, Kerosine.—S. O. Co.
Oira, Nor. ship, 1,109, F. Lefsen, 24th Dec.,—Fremantle 18th Oct., Sandalwood.—S. & Co.
Rose, Br. bq. 822, Wright, 10th Nov.,—West Australia 4th Aug. Sandalwood.—S. & Co.
Vincent, Br. ship, 1,774, Cook, 28th Jan.,—Philadelphia 20th July, 1905, Oil.—S. O. Co.

Steamers Expected.

Vessel	From	Agent	Due
Zielen	Shanghai	M. & Co.	Feb. 27
America Maru	Shanghai	T. K. K.	Feb. 27
Borneo	Sandakan	M. & Co.	Feb. 28
Socotra	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Feb. 29
Changsha	Thursday	I. B. S.	Mar. 2
Bayern	Colombo	M. & Co.	Mar. 3
Monrovia	Japan	P. M. Co.	Mar. 10
P. Waldemar	Sydney	M. & Co.	Mar. 10
Emp. of China	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Mar. 13
Nicomedia	Portland	P. & A. Co.	Mar. 13

DOCK RETURNS.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCKS.
Vigilante " " Kowloon Dock.
Hyades " " " "
Tyr " " " "
U.S.A. T. Seward " " " "
Lunghsan " " " "
Empress of Japan " " " "
Likin " " " "
Chowai " " " "
Nanning " " " "
Progress " " " "
Charles Hardouin " " " "
Hantung " " " "
Chowia " " " "
Vincent " " " "
Fernandez Hermanos " " " "

SHANGHAI.

21st inst.
Toonan " " Tunkadoo, Feb. 15.
Dajon " " Cosmopolitan, " 16.
Dagaid " " do " 16.
Yungkiang " " Now, " 16.
Shasi " " do " 20.

Ships Passed The Canal.

26th January—Annam, Bangkok, Diomed, Hyos, Glancus, Oceanic, Siphonia, Glasse, Manila, Longior, 31st January—Savonia, Palladon Hall, Glenarr, Den of Kelly, Den of Maine, Prince, Afghan Borussia, and February—Ernest Tydeus, Simoni, Helopollis, Agamemnon, Dacia, 6th February—Norge, Beneluch, Beneluch, Merionethshire, Lima, Socotra, Indrami, Munsell, 10th February—Bayern, Gaiselau, Nubla, Tenkai, Tonkin, Vandalia, 13th February—Neides, Palawan, Semgambila, Silurionau, Traus, 16th February—Idomeneus, Macheon, Polysthen, Ulysses, 20th February—Aps, Benlauri, Pak Ling, Palmer, Poona, Sigova, Vindobona, Prins Regis, Liffold, Atholl, Coulidon, Riverton, 24th February—Albanga, Ambria, Armand, Bkhe, Kistuck, Reon, Phippoarille, Haver, shangranga, Manaton.
Arrivals at Home—26th January—Ben-mohr, Mendous, 2nd February—Manila, Glauca, February—Prins Blit, Friedrich, Glauca, Ernest Simoni, Glendoch, Hector, Hyson, 10th February—Palmer, 13th February—Schuyll, 16th February—Gaiselau, 20th February—Beneluch, Polysthen, Tydeus.

	Feb. 25 at 10 a.m.	Feb. 25 at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.86	29.80
Temperature	62	60
Humidity	97	99
Rainfall	0.07	—

Post Office.

A Mail will close for:—

Swatow, Amoy and Faochow—Per *Haitan*, 27th Feb., 9 A.M.
Shanghai—Per *Longior*, 27th Feb., 11 A.M.
Singapore, Sourabaya and Samarang—Per *Chunang*, 27th Feb., 2 P.M.
Manila—Per *Teau*, 27th Feb., 3 P.M.
Shanghai—Per *Ningpo*, 27th Feb., 3 P.M.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per *Paklai*, 27th Feb., 3 P.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar—Per *Tjilivong*, 27th Feb., 4 P.M.
Singapore—Per *Saint Peter*, 27th Feb., 4 P.M.
Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, R.C. and Tacoma, Wash.—Per *Tremont*, 28th Feb., 9 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Zilien*, 28th Feb., 11 A.M.
Sandakan—Per *Mausang*, 28th Feb., 2 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Onang*, 28th Feb., 2 P.M.
Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth—Per *Tisana*, 28th Feb., 3 P.M.
Shanghai—Per *Hungang*, 28th Feb., 3 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Arntoon Apar*, 28th Feb., 2 P.M.
Macassar—Per *Oanfa*, 28th Feb., 4 P.M.
Amoy and Manila—Per *Yuenang*, 1st Mar., 12 A.M.
Cebu and Honolulu—Per *Kaifong*, 1st Mar., 3 P.M.
Tientsin—Per *Wosang*, 1st Mar., 3 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Siberia*, 1st Mar., 11 A.M.
Manila, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth—Per *Batavia*, 3rd Mar., 11 A.M.
Manila—Per *Rubi*, 3rd Mar., 11 A.M.
Shanghai—Per *Shanghai*, 3rd Mar., 3 P.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai—Per *Kansu*, 3rd Mar., 3 P.M.
Manila, Simponhafen, Fr. Wilhelmshafen, Herberstshof, Wapup, Samara, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Willehad*, 6th Mar., 10 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Tisana*, 6th Mar., 11 A.M.
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Cebu and Honolulu—Per *Sungking*, 7th Mar., 3 P.M.
Ningpo—Per *Hinchow*, 7th Mar., 3 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Kutang*, 8th Mar., 2 P.M.
Macao, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *America Maru*, 10th Mar., 10 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin—Per *Donghai*, 10th Mar., 11 A.M.
Manila—Per *Zafra*, 10th Mar., 11 A.M.
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Bissell, W. S.
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W. W. and child
Brett, Dr.

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Andromeda " " cruiser, 1st class " " 11,000 16 16,500
Astraea " " torpedo boat destroyer " " 550 6 7,000
Avraha " " cruiser, 2nd class " " 4,360 10 7,000
Bonaventure " " cruiser, 2nd class " " 4,360 10 7,000
Cadmus " " sloop " " 1,070 6 1,400
Charub " " water tank and tug " " 390 6 1,400
Clio " " sloop " " 1,070 6 1,400
Diadem " " cruiser, 1st class " " 550 6 7,000
Dec " " torpedo boat destroyer " " 550 6 7,000
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Ex " " torpedo boat destroyer " " 306 6 5,700
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Flora " " torpedo boat destroyer " " 275 6 4,000
Hart " " torpedo boat destroyer " " 275 6 4,000
Hecla " " special service torpedo " " 6,400 14 21,000
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Itchen " " torpedo boat destroyer " " 280 6 5,000
Jann " " torpedo boat destroyer " " 81 4 1,200
Kinsha " " river gunboat " " 180 2 800
Moorehen " " torpedo boat destroyer " " 350 6 6,300
Oter " " surveying vessel " " 635 6 650
Robin " " river gunboat " " 85 2 240
Sandpiper " " river gunboat " " 85 2 240
Saipa " " river gunboat " " 85 2 240
Taku " " torpedo boat destroyer " " 250 6 6,500
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Tamar " " receiving ship " " 180 2 800
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Wajewitch " " torpedo boat destroyer " " 360 6 5,000
Whiting " " river gunboat " " 195 2 800
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Lieut.-Commander B. Ether	...	...	...	...	...	Singapore
Lieut.-Commander Lewis	...	...	...	...	...	en route Singapore
Commander A. F. Everett	...	...	...	...	...	Singapore
Lieut.-Commander Stevenson	...	...	...	...	...	Hongkong
Captain H. Grant-Dalton	...	...	...	...	...	en route Shanghai
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Lieut.-Commander Richardson	...	...	...	...	...	Hongkong
Captain E. F. R. Charlton	...	...	...	...	...	Hongkong
Captain Shortland	...	...	...	...	...	en route Singapore
Lieut.-Commander G. Seymour	...	...	...	...	...	en route Singapore
Lieut.-Commander W. H. Darwall	...	...	...	...	...	Hongkong
Lieut.-Commander E. V. P. R. Degmore	...	...	...	...	...	Yangtze
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